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A. P. Fennell, Esq.,

Niagara Camp.

Dear Mr. Fennell:

Mr. Prebner and I have talked over your case on two occasions very carefully, and yesterday I had an interview with Colonel Lang. We both feel that in view of your desire to go to the front it would not be right for us to put any obstacle in your way. Mr. Prebner is not well, but we hope that it will be possible for us to make arrangements with some one to get your work done.

I appreciate highly the spirit that has prompted you, and I will report your application this afternoon to the Board of Governors.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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Niagara Camp, Ont.

Dear Mr. Fennell:

I am sorry to say that Mr. Brebner is far from well, and I think it altogether probable that he will have to take a holiday before long. The Board of Governors believe that you ought not to go to the front immediately. In view of Mr. Brebner's state of health and your desire to go on active service as soon as possible the Board has authorised me to engage Mr. Laidlaw in the office. If Mr. Laidlaw comes to us you could then leave for the front perhaps at the beginning of the year, after he has got the routine of the office, and Mr. Brebner might be away at the same time. I think therefore that you ought not to accept the present offer of a Commission, but should return next week, saying that the Governors will not object to your taking a Commission in a few months.

I regret that the intense feeling of duty which urges you to go to the front is for the present thwarted by the unforeseen circumstance of Mr. Brebner's health. I hope, however, that the above arrangement will both relieve Mr. Brebner and enable you to carry out your wish before long.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

